

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRED ROHRBACKER, Plaintiff,	) ) Civil Action No. 05-11562-RGS )
v.	
MODERN CONTINENTAL COMPANIES, INC. HARBOR CRUISES, LLC, BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, A JOINT VENTURE, PROVINCETOWN PUBLIC PIER CORP., and	
PROVINCETOWN-MACMILLAN REALTY	)
TRUST,	)
Defendants.	)
	_)

# ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED OF DEFENDANT, PROVINCETOWN-MACMILLAN REALTY TRUST

Defendant, Provincetown-MacMillan Realty Trust, hereby answers the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as follows:

# **PARTIES**

- 1. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the First Amended Complaint.
  - 2. Admitted.
  - 3. Admitted.
- 4. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the First Amended Complaint.

- 5. The Defendant admits that Boston Harbor Cruises transacts business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 6. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the First Amended Complaint.
  - 7. Admitted.

# THE INJURY

- 8. Admitted.
- 9. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 10. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 11. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the First Amended Complaint.

#### MacMILLAN PIER

- 12. Denied.
- 13. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 14. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 15. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the First Amended Complaint.

- 16. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 17. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 18. The Defendant admits that it owns a pier in Provincetown that abuts or is in close proximity to McMillan Pier. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 19. The Defendant admits that it owns a pier in Provincetown that abuts or is in close proximity to McMillan Pier. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 20. The Defendant admits that it owns a pier in Provincetown that abuts or is in close proximity to McMillan Pier. The Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the First Amended Complaint.

### **JURISDICTION**

21. Paragraph 21 of the First Amended Complaint contains a statement of jurisdiction to which no response is required. In further answering, to the extent that an answer is required, the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as contained in this paragraph.

# COUNT I

As to paragraph 22 through 26 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, no responsive pleading is required as Count I pertains to another party.

# **COUNT II**

As to paragraph 27 through 31 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, no response pleading is required as Count II pertains to another party.

# **COUNT III**

- 32. The Defendant repeats and realleges herein its answers to paragraphs 1 through21 of the First Amended Complaint.
- 33. Paragraph 33 of the First Amended Complaint contains the Plaintiff's conclusion of law to which no response is required.
  - 34. Denied.
  - 35. Denied.
- 36. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff was injured through any wrongdoing by the Defendant. In further answering, the Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the First Amended Complaint.

# **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

#### First Affirmative Defense

The Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

#### **Second Affirmative Defense**

The Plaintiff's claims are barred by his own conduct and by the doctrine of comparative and/or contributory negligence.

# Third Affirmative Defense

The Plaintiff's claims are barred because the intervening act of a third party caused the alleged damage.

#### **Fourth Affirmative Defense**

The Plaintiff's claims are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Provincetown-MacMillan Realty Trust, prays that the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and that the Court enter such relief as it deems just and proper.

**Provincetown-MacMillan Realty Trust** By its attorneys:

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DATE: November 17, 2005

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kevin T. Smith, hereby certify that I served a true copy of the above Defendant's Answer to First Amended Complaint, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following counsel of record:

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Dated: November 17, 2005